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NEWARK MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS

(Wilmington, DE) – Patrick T. Carter, Director of Revenue announced today that John T. Montgomery, 45, pleaded guilty in NCC Superior Court to four felony counts, including two counts of filing a false tax return seeking to fraudulently obtain State of Delaware tax refunds over a two-year period, one count of attempted theft, and one count of theft.

An investigation conducted by the Delaware Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit established that Montgomery had engaged in a scheme to defraud the State of Delaware, for the tax years 2000 and 2001, by filing false claims for State of Delaware income tax refunds totaling \$3,764 that were not in fact owed to him. Montgomery used a variety of false information in an attempt to obtain the refunds. Specifically, he misrepresented his own earnings and withholdings, and in one instance used a false social security number by filing fictitious W-2 forms that he admittedly created himself. Montgomery sought to have the refund checks mailed to his own address.

Montgomery is facing a possible maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment on each count and such fines and penalties as the court deems appropriate.

Montgomery awaits sentencing on May 21, 2004 in NCC Superior Court.

This case was investigated by the Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit and prosecuted by the Deputy Attorney General's office.

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